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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

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Director of Data ProcessingSUBJECT: ODP Report for Week Ending 20 May 1981 ☐

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ADP Report to EXCOM ☐

The Director of Data Processing forwarded the FY 1981 report on ADP in the CIA to the Executive Committee (EXCOM). The report was a substitute for the annual EXCOM briefing. It concentrates on services provided by ODP and summarizes component-budgeted ADP initiatives. It concludes that ODP's existing and planned capabilities are basically adequate to meet the foreseeable central computer service requirements of CIA. Some new investments to ensure reliability and availability will be necessary and an increase in applications manpower is recommended. ☐

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Continuity of Operations Planning ☐

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ODP provided comments on a paper from the National Intelligence Emergency Planning Staff entitled "CIA Continuity of Operations Planning: Preliminary Talking Points," dated 25 April 1981. Our comments emphasized the importance of Agency-wide data processing planning to continuity of operations and recommended the Information Handling Systems Architect as a focal point. It was also recommended that limited disaster planning, such as for a Ruffing Center fire, remain an office-level responsibility. ☐

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4C (Community-wide Computer Assisted Compartmentation Control System) The SPECLE data base was converted to 4C format during the weekend of 16-17 May and the 4C Prototype I System became operational on 18 May. This system will be used by OS's Compartmented Information Branch to support the CIA, FBI, Justice, Energy and State Departments, and others. ☐

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MPS (Message Processing System) A 56 hour test of MPS/DATEX/CDS was completed on 15 May at 1352 hrs. A few more problems in all three systems were surfaced during the test, but the test did prove that DATEX can handle the load of cable traffic from both CDS and MPS. Another 72 hour load test is tentatively scheduled to begin on 27 May at 0700 hrs. ☐

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SAFE ☐

A contingent of CSPO personnel, along with other representatives of CIA and DIA, visited the Burroughs Corporation production facility in Detroit on 19 May. The purpose of the trip was to allow Burroughs' personnel to give a presentation on planned future developments in their computer line. Burroughs presented a picture of improved technology, reduction in size of equipment, increased processing power, and a quantum jump in online/mass storage capabilities. Much of this technology is expected to be available in the 1983-85 time frame. ☐

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